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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-5 are currently pending. Claims 1, 4 and 5, which are independent are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification and Drawings, specifically on pages 5-7 and Figures 1-3. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2006/0015906 to Boyer et al. (hereinafter, merely "Boyer") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,505 to Walker et al. (hereinafter, merely "Walker").

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"An information processing apparatus comprising:

...wherein the first acquisition means and the second acquisition means acquire information via distinct terminals relating to the information content, and

wherein subsidiary information content comprised of both first subsidiary information content and second subsidiary

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information content is stored in memory to be held after power down; and

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verifying means for verifying whether said first subsidiary information or said second subsidiary information has already been registered;

wherein said first registration means or said second registration means using, if one of said first subsidiary information and said second subsidiary information is already registered, said one subsidiary information already registered for registration of the other subsidiary information." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Boyer relates to an Internet television program guide system where a user at a multimedia system can access information related to television programs over an Internet communications link. The user can view television program guide listings and related video stills and video clips. The user can select an option that directs the multimedia system to tune directly to a television channel or to a related television program guide.

As understood by Applicants, Walker relates to a system and method for video program viewers to receive supplemental information, via a computer data communication network, that is synchronized to the action and events of a video program.

Applicants respectfully submit that Boyer and Walker, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that there is no teaching or suggestion of an information processing apparatus wherein subsidiary information content comprised of both first subsidiary information content and second subsidiary information content is stored in memory to be held after power down, recited in claim 1.

Indeed, Applicants submit that a storage device providing storage of supplemental information relating to various video programs on a server connected to the Internet as "web pages" as disclosed in Walker in column 7, lines 18-35, is completely different than storing

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subsidiary information content comprised of both first subsidiary information content and second subsidiary information content in memory to be held after power down.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 4 and 5 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 4 and 5 are patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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